

REMARKS

In the Official Communication mailed January 28, 2008, the claims were objected to due to inadvertent mis-numbering and an election was required based on different equations for calculating the compression ratio. In this Preliminary Amendment, the claims have been renumbered. In addition, claims 10 and 44 have been amended to correct typographical errors in the equations and make them consistent with equations [Eq. 2] and [Eq. 3] set forth in paragraph 17 of the Specification (paragraph 19 of the published application). Claims 20 and 34 have also been amended so that the equations in each are consistent with the equations in claims 10 and 44 and paragraph 17. Consequently, no election/restriction is necessary and the Applicant respectfully requests that the requirement be withdrawn. The undersigned apologizes for the errors.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone if a conversation would expedite prosecution of this case.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time. No fee is believed to be due in this instance. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any deficiency of fees submitted herewith, or the credit of any overpayment, to deposit account number 03-2028.

Respectfully Submitted,

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